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June 2, 2006

Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Abandonment of Rail Line near Coffeyville KS
Docket Nos. AB-33 (Sub-No. 242X) and AB-471 (Sub-No. 7X)

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has received and reviewed the above referenced Draft Environmental and Historic Report associated with a railroad abandonment project in Coffeyville, Kansas. Based on our review, KDHE does not have any opinion regarding the appropriateness of this abandonment project. With respect to the abandonment activities, we have the following comments.

- The plan should include provisions for environmental sampling and evaluation in order to determine if further investigation or remediation is necessary following the removal of the track material. It is our understanding that environmental investigation within the Coffeyville Refinery property will be addressed through the ongoing RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) being performed as part of the facility's Corrective Action requirements with the U.S. EPA. We don't know of any such activity outside of the facility's boundary.
- The abandonment plan should include provisions for the disposal of track materials that cannot be salvaged.

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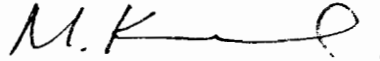
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Thank you in advance for taking our concerns into consideration. Please forward your questions regarding the disposal of track material to Bob Medina at (785) 296-6617. For any other questions and/or concerns, please feel free to call me at (785) 296-1609.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kamal', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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